

ITALIANS CAPTURE MANY PRISONERS

FIRST DAY OF NEW OFFENSIVE COSTS FRANCIS JOSEPH DEAR.

GERMANS TAKE TWO SHIPS

Teutonic Forces Gain in Rumania—Rumanians Advance in Transylvania—British Gain in Macedonia.

Rome, Italy.—In the zone from Gorizia to the Adriatic Sea, the Italians have captured additional points of vantage from the Austrians and taken 3,498 more prisoners and guns, machine guns and quantities of arms and ammunition, according to the official communication issued here.

The communication says, in part: "Julian front: From Gorizia to the sea had fighting which resulted in further successes along the northern brow of the Carso plateau, has continued. The troops of the eleventh army corps who repulsed violent counter attacks during the night, took strong defenses on the difficult ground east of Veliki Kribach and Mount Pečina.

"During the day we took 3,498 prisoners, including 116 officers, among them a brigade commander, a regimental commander and three field officers. Two mountain guns, numerous machine guns and large quantities of arms and ammunition and war materials of all kinds also fell into our hands."

German Vessels Raid English Ships.

Berlin.—A raid has been made by German naval small crafts on the shipping route between the mouth of the Thames and Holland, the admiralty has announced. Several steamers were stopped and searched and two of them were brought into a German port. The raiders were fruitlessly shelled by four British cruisers while they were returning.

Rumanians Advance.

Bucharest.—The war office here announces that in the fighting along the Hungarian-Rumanian border the Rumanian forces have driven the Austrians and Germans across the border at Table Butzi. The Rumanians made an attack in Buzeu valley, occupying Mount Sirul and Taturumio.

Teutons Gain in Predeal.

Berlin.—The Austrian and German forces have penetrated further into Rumania, in the districts southwest of Predeal and southeast of Rothenthurm pass, it was announced officially.

British Take Village on Struma.

Paris.—The British troops, following up their successes against the Bulgarians on the left bank of the River Struma in Greek Macedonia, have taken by assault the village of Alifita, says the official statement issued by the French war office.

ASK FRANCE TO DROP PHRASE

Note Says Use of "American Flying Corps" Puts Country in False Light as a Neutral Nation.

Washington, D. C.—The French government has been asked to discontinue referring to American aviators in the French army as members of the American corps, because of the false light in which such reference places the United States as a neutral nation. A large number of Americans are now serving in the French flying corps and all have taken an oath of allegiance to France.

Americans who have taken an oath of allegiance to Great Britain or to France or to any other warring nation of Europe are no longer citizens of the United States and are not entitled to receive passports from the state department or to protection from the government.

This ruling became known when the state department recently refused to issue a passport to Theodore Marburg, Jr., of Baltimore, a member of the British royal flying corps. Young Marburg's father was formerly United States minister to Belgium and if an exception was to be made in any case it doubtless would have been made for him.

Toothbrush Movies.

St. Paul, Minn.—Toothbrush movies took a bit of joy out of life for the St. Paul kiddies. When all of the school children of the city had met to witness or participate in an opera at a downtown theater the school board rushed in and showed movies of proper mouth hygiene between the acts.

Missouri Troops Due Home April 1. Fort Riley, Kan.—The Missouri troops remaining on the border, who will be sent home prior to April 1, will be mustered out there, according to orders received by Col. Rivers, post commander. No date for the arrival of these Missouri guards was given.

17,000 Fed Daily by City. Geneva.—The food situation has become so serious in Düsseldorf, Germany, that 17,000 persons are daily fed in the municipal kitchens, say a dispatch from that city.

Can't Vote: Ends Life. Beloit, Wis.—Dependent because his criminal record prevented him from voting at the election, J. J. Fulton, former professional ball player, recently released from the penitentiary, killed himself by jumping in to the Rock river from the Central bridge.

Smallpox Closes Schools. Savana, Ill.—As a result of a smallpox epidemic in this city all the public and parochial schools were closed for two weeks.

TAKEN CAPTIVE IN THE SOMME BATTLE



German soldiers, made prisoner fighting on the sector south of the Somme in Picardy, being taken to the rear under guard.

STREAM OF GOLD POURS IN INQUIRY ON CAR SHORTAGE

PREDICTED REVERSAL OF MOVEMENT ASSENT.

Federal Reserve Bulletin Points to Trade Activity, Rising Prices and Full Employment of Labor.

Washington, D. C.—Outstanding features of the October business and financial situation, cited by the federal reserve bulletin, were continuation of heavy exports and of the net inward gold shipments, extended domestic trade activity, rising prices, easy money rates and full employment of labor.

Heavy balances due from Europe, it was stated, have given rise to demands for new financing, a feature of which, of especial concern to the federal reserve system, is the extensive resort to the use of acceptance credits, arranged or to be arranged and behalf of industrial and commercial borrowers in Europe.

The often predicted slackening or reversal of gold movements into this country have shown no indications of developing to the present date, the bulletin says. Official statistics show that in the middle of October the net inward movement of gold since Jan. 1 was approximately \$294,000,000 as against \$200,000,000 for the corresponding period of 1915.

ALLIED LOSSES ON SOMME

Estimates of Franco-British Losses Placed at Appalling Total of 580,000.

Berlin, Germany.—Estimates of the Franco-British losses during the four months' offensive on the Somme front, emanating from German general headquarters in the west, give the total in round numbers at 580,000.

The British losses are put at 400,000 men, and those of the French at 180,000. These estimates, it is argued, are moderate in view of the fact that the British casualty lists admit losses of 372,000 men to the end of September. The writer says that each of the square miles of territory recovered cost the allies more than 5,000 men.

MAIL CASE REPLY SUBMITTED

United States Court of Claims Decides in Favor of the Government.

Washington, D. C.—The department of justice has filed with the United States supreme court the government's brief in the Divisor case involving the question of whether the government shall be forced to pay trunk line railroads approximately \$30,000,000 for carrying United States mails.

The brief covers the claims of the Chicago & Alton Railway, which is to be used as a test case. The United States court of claims, to which the case was previously carried, decided in favor of the government.

Hard Coal to Be Trebled.

Chicago.—Anthracite coal will cost three times what it cost last year in Chicago with the first breath of winter, dealers declare. The anthracite supply will be entirely exhausted in three weeks on heavy buying and then prices are expected to go to \$14 or \$15 a ton.

Railroad Revenue Increases.

Washington, D. C.—Reports from 124 out of 135 railroads whose revenues exceed \$1,000,000, issued by the interstate commerce commission, show that their net revenue from railway operations ran up to \$248,558,236, an increase of more than \$40,000,000 over the previous September.

2 Sisters, Married Man Die.

Minneapolis.—Two young sisters and a married man were killed and a second man was badly injured in a joyride auto wreck.

American Held in Plot.

Tucson, Ariz.—Dr. G. R. Servin, a naturalized American, was arrested, charged with conspiracy to export arms to the revolutionists in Mexico. Warrants also were issued for several other persons. Arms and ammunition were seized by the authorities.

Lawyer Shot When in His Office.

Syracuse, N. Y.—Waldo E. Gilbert, a lawyer here, was shot twice in his office by a man believed to be an irate client, who escaped after the shooting.

INFORMAL HEARING IN LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY.

Commissioners Holding Hearing Ask Full U. S. Body to Consider Testimony.

Louisville, Kentucky.—As a result of developments in the informal hearing here regarding the railroad car shortage, C. C. McChord of the interstate commerce commission, who is presiding, telegraphed to the commission at Washington, recommending to them that an order for a formal hearing be entered immediately.

The formal hearing, if ordered, will be merged with the present inquiry, he said. The testimony given under oath at yesterday's hearing will be introduced at the proposed formal hearing, it is understood, and so made a basis for action by the interstate commerce commission.

Puts Blame on Shippers

W. L. Barnes, superintendent of the transportation for the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad, gave it as his opinion that much of the apparent car shortage has resulted from shippers asking for more cars than they needed in order that their allotment might approximate the number they really wanted.

Barnes, in response to a question why the Burlington has failed to return cars owned by other roads, declared his road had been forced in self-defense to hold foreign cars and would continue to do so until some assurance was provided that their own equipment would be returned.

ARMY TO USE 'CATERPILLAR'

San Antonio, Texas.—A caterpillar tractor of the same make that has been adopted by the British for use on the western front of the war, will be placed in the Big Bend district, along the Mexican border, to solve the transportation problem in a section where there are no roads.

The tractor, consisting of an engine and four trailers, will be shipped from Peoria, Ill., today, according to announcement at the army headquarters. It will be sent to Marfa, Tex., and there placed in service. All of the equipment has the caterpillar tread and the trailers will have a capacity of 100,000 pounds.

\$1,000 Dimes Scattered.

St. Louis, Mo.—Newsboys here had a vision of the silver-paved streets of heaven when Harri Delano, a bank messenger, returning from the treasury with \$1,000 worth of new "bat-le-ax" dimes, stumbled at a street corner. The bag fell from the boy's shoulder, burst and covered the street with dimes.

Rumanian King's Son Dead.

London, Eng.—Prince Mircea of Rumania, who has been suffering from typhoid fever, is dead, according to a Reuter correspondent at Bucharest. Prince Mircea was the youngest son of King Ferdinand. He was born Dec. 21, 1912.

New "Dry" Law Attacked in Court.

Atlanta, Ga.—Eight separate features of Georgia's new prohibition act are attacked in a suit certified to the supreme court for instructions by the court of appeals.

Monster Gas Well Burning.

Arkansas City, Kan.—The big oil and gas fields southwest of this city was ignited for miles around from the burning of a monster gasser on the Gypsy lease.

Young Man Found Slain.

Janesville, Wis.—The body of a young man with bullet holes in both arms, breast, stomach and forehead, was found on the bank of Rock river. In a pocket was found a roll of \$200, but no papers. There was evidence of a struggle.

Car Hits Hack: 14 Children Are Hurt.

Portland, Ind.—Two girls were probably hurt and 12 other school children injured, when a car crashed into a school hack at Como, southwest of here.

Drowns Self and Daughter.

Gadsden, Ala.—Mrs. Charles Carter of Wharton's Bend led her daughter, 8, and her son, 5, to the Coosa river, threw the children into the water and then jumped in. The boy saved himself, but the girl and her mother were drowned.

POLAND A KINGDOM BY TEUTONS DECREE

WARSAW AND LUBLIN FREED AND BOUNDARIES WILL BE SETTLED LATER.

POLES PETITIONED EMPERORS

Galicia Also to Gain Independence—Polish Nation to Control Its Destinies, Govern Itself by Chosen Representatives of Nation.

Berlin.—"The Polish provinces occupied by troops of the central powers," says the Overseas News Agency, "were the scene of a great and momentous historic event. Germany and Austro-Hungary have, by joint action, proclaimed Warsaw and Lublin the Kingdom of Poland and reestablished the right of the Polish nation to control itself by chosen representatives of the nation.

"A few days ago a Polish delegation called upon the imperial chancellor, Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg. Its members were representative Poles of all classes, all parties, all ranks of society and all creeds. They transmitted to the German government the wishes of the Polish nation, which has now been granted to them."

The manifesto issued at Warsaw and Lublin reads as follows:

"His majesty, the German emperor, and his majesty, the emperor of Austria, and apostolic king of Hungary, inspired by firm confidence in a final victory of their arms and prompted by a desire to lead the districts conquered by their armies under heavy sacrifices from the Russian domination toward a happy future, have now agreed to form of these districts a national state with a hereditary monarchy and a constitutional government. The exact frontier of the kingdom of Poland shall be outlined later on.

"The new kingdom will receive the guarantees needed for the free development of its own forces by its intimate relations with both powers. The glorious traditions of the ancient Polish armies and the memories of the brave comradeship in the great war of our days shall revive in a national army. The organization, construction and command of this army, shall be arranged by common agreement.

"The allied monarchs express the confident hope Polish wishes for the evolution of a Polish state and for the national development of a Polish kingdom shall now be fulfilled, taking due consideration of the political conditions prevailing in Europe and of the welfare and the safety of their own countries and nations.

"The great realm which the Western neighbors of the Kingdom of Poland shall have on their eastern frontier shall be a free and happy state, enjoying its own national life, and they shall welcome with joy the birth and prosperous development of this state."

Dr. James David Moffat Dead.

Washington.—Rev. Dr. James David Moffat, president-emeritus of Washington and Jefferson College, is dead of paralysis. He was born at New Lisbon, O., March 15, 1846, was admitted to the Presbyterian ministry in 1873 and in 1882 was elected president of the Washington and Jefferson College, in which position he continued 33 years.

Dr. Liebknecht's Appeal Rejected.

Berlin.—It was officially announced that the imperial military tribunal has rejected the appeal of Dr. Carl Liebknecht, the Socialist leader, from the sentence imposed upon him by the court martial at Berlin.

Insane Patient Slays Another.

Nevada, Mo.—C. E. Earhart of Dunegan, patient at the state hospital here, was killed by another patient, Henry Willard of Butterfield. The attack was made while the night watch was in another ward.

Two Bandits Get \$7,000.

Calgary, Canada.—Two masked men slipped into the little town of Okotoks, 30 miles from here, cut the telephone and telegraph wires leading to outside towns, overpowered and bound the cashier of the Merchants' Bank of Canada, blew open the safe, obtained \$7,000 in cash and escaped in an auto.

Two Bank Bandits Shot in Battle.

Randolph, Minn.—Residents of this village armed themselves and surrounded the state bank, where three burglars had blown the safe containing more than \$1,500. The bandits opened fire and in the fight two of the bandits were wounded, but all three of them escaped. They did not obtain the money.

Steamer Sinks; Crew Saved.

New Orleans, La.—The American steamer Willapa, bound for Bluefields from New York, sank off the Nicaraguan coast, according to a cablegram received here by her agents. Capt. Charles Johnson and his crew of 23 men were rescued, the message read.

Parrot Warns of Accident to Owners.

London.—When an aged man fell unconscious upon a grate fender, his parrot drew attention to the mishap, but aid arrived too late to save his life.

Anti-Subscription Gains Reduced.

Melbourne, Australia.—Although the returns from the subscription referendum are still incomplete, the majority in opposition to the proposition is being reduced daily.

Would Rush Horn's Hearing.

Washington.—Application for an earlier hearing than usual in the case of Werner, alleged German officer, held in Boston in connection with the dynamiting of the International bridge at Vanceboro, Me., in Feb., 1915, was filed with the supreme court.

FIRES ARE LIGHTED AT NEW CAPITOL

STEAM TURNED INTO BUILDING FOR FIRST TIME FROM MODEL PLANT.

TO BE KEPT WARM ALL WINTER

Outside Work Will Be Entirely Finished by Dec. 1—Men Are to Work on Inside for Next Year or Two.

Jefferson City.

The steam heat has been turned on in the new capitol building for the first time. One of the five big boilers in the power house was started up and in a few hours steam was flowing through the pipes in the tunnel into the big building.

The steam is turned on at this time in order that the walls may not be frosted, which would delay their drying out. The new capitol building has been entirely enclosed and from now on the rooms will be kept at a summer temperature. Some 60 radiators have been installed, which is sufficient, but not all that will be placed.

F. W. Graham, mechanical superintendent for the Gill Construction Co., was in the power house when the fires were placed under the boilers, and he gave it his personal attention. The boilers are stoked automatically, which means that coal is furnished the fires without the necessity of having a man shovel it in. The five big boilers will generate enough steam for all the power to be used as well as for the heat, and the coal consumption at the maximum will not exceed 10 tons per day. The coal used is nothing but "slack," which is the cheapest quality. The big smokestack will not belch out great quantities of smoke, as do the other stacks in the city, because of the complete combustion in the boilers.

The capitol commission went down to look the power plant over. It was well pleased with the way the machinery operated and at the prospect of keeping down the expense of warming the great building.

Chairman Stephens said the exterior of the building would be completed by the first of December and only the inside work will remain to be done. All winter long the men will be employed inside.

Must Weigh Potatoes.

At a meeting of the Housewives' League at the Carnegie Library a resolution was adopted pledging the members to make purchases of groceries of the city who sell potatoes, turnips and other vegetables of that nature by weight rather than by measure.

The statement was made by one of the members that the difference between the measured peck of potatoes and the weight was as high as five pounds to the advantage of the weighers. This created much discussion and the resolution which was presented was adopted without a dissenting vote.

Application will be made to the proper state authorities to help them get what they are after.

The action was taken because of the increasing cost of all eatables and naturally the humble potato is the increase first. There are 60 pounds to the bushel of potatoes and a full peck should weigh 15 pounds. It was reported by one of the members that certain grocers would sell either by weight or measure as the customer desired. Another grocer it is reported sold exclusively by weight. It was stated that all grocers bought by weight and there was no reason why they should not sell in the same way.

A proposition was received from the Metropolitan Life Insurance company that it would pay \$15 per month to sustain a visiting nurse in the community. This matter will be taken up later by the league for action. It has been agitated for several months. The necessity for a visiting nurse for the families who need such attention, but cannot afford it, is said to be very great. The visiting nurse in the community was abandoned a couple of years ago after a trial of about three years. The abandonment was caused by reason of a lack of funds to pay the salary.

Two More Convicts Escape.

Two more convicts escaped from the state penitentiary. Gus Cruz, from St. Louis, serving five years for burglary, walked away from the rock quarry during a morning. He went to the Missouri river and stole a rowboat. The boat has not been found. The other convict was Ora Arthur, who escaped from a warehouse near the prison. Arthur had served six years of a 25-year sentence for robbery.

McClung in a Fist Fight.

Warden D. C. McClung of the Missouri penitentiary and Ernest Rowland, a former assistant deputy warden, engaged in a fist fight in the anteroom of the warden's office. Walker Bolton, prison wagon master, interfered after McClung had been knocked down by Rowland, and was knocked down himself. The warden is said to have lost two teeth.

More than a year ago Rowland was taken seriously ill, but was carried on the prison payroll until recently. He asked to be reinstated, was denied.

Hearsay.

"How I envy you seafaring men," said the sweet young thing. "It must be wonderful to gaze on the broad expanse of the ocean and breathe the clean salt air."

Worth Doing.

Hub: The doctor says that if I keep on working at this pace for money I shall be a wreck at 45.

Wife: Never mind, dear; by that time we shall be able to afford it.

Wait.

"Woman is a little slow to get acquainted with the auto."

"What makes you say that?"

"I have never seen one repairing her car with a halpin yet."

Murderer Escapes.

Arthur Bittner, 25 years old, of St. Louis, serving a life sentence in the penitentiary here for the murder of his father, escaped when at McClung Park, where, as a member of the orchestra, he was playing at the weekly dance.

Bittner's escape was not noticed until the orchestra members were being checked in on their return to the penitentiary from McClung Park. It is supposed he disappeared about midnight, near the end of the dance. He was the first violinist. The band members always have been attired in white suits with no visible numbers.

The dances have been held at McClung Park since the completion, about eight months ago, of a large pavilion. They are attended mostly by the leading residents of the capitol.

McClung Park is state property that has been improved and made into a pleasure resort with the aid of convict labor and public subscriptions among Jefferson City residents. It was named after Warden McClung.

Detectives, notified of Bittner's escape, have been watching St. Louis trains for him.

Bittner murdered his father, Arthur Bittner, Sr., July 22, 1913. At that time the youth wanted to marry Miss Myrtle Benhoff, but was without money, and his father, a North St. Louis butcher, refused to supply him.

One morning, as his father and his brother, Edward, were driving down town in an auto truck, Arthur got up behind them and shot his father in the head. Edward later accused Arthur of the crime.

Edward told the police he had not heard anything from his brother and hoped that they would catch him "before he sees me."

Battery A Not to Be Returned.

A. C. Enstet, vice president and general manager of the Union Electric Co. of St. Louis, who recently wrote to the war department for information as to when battery A of Missouri would be relieved from duty, received a reply informing him that it was not determined when the battery would be sent home.

"The department has a very keen appreciation of the sacrifices which these men are making by their enforced separation from home and business and, where the emergency less commanding, would be very happy indeed to relieve them of further sacrifice," the letter states.

"The situation, however, is not such as permits the withdrawal of the militia at this time, so that the most the department can do is to look forward to an early improvement in the border situation."

This letter states that the decision as to which troops shall be relieved is left entirely to Gen. Funston.

Apple Crop Short.

Missouri's big, red, luscious apples, known the world over for their delicious flavor, in 27 years ending with the close of 1915, brought to the horticulturists of the state approximately 126,718,500, this sum representing the worth of \$4,479,000 barrels at the exceedingly low wholesale price of \$1.50 a barrel, announces a bureau of labor statistics bulletin issued by Commissioner John T. Fitzpatrick to place Missouri on the map as a fruit-growing state. Reduced to bushels and allowing three bushels to the barrel, the quantity of apples considered amounted to 233,437,000 bushels. It is seldom Missouri's big, red apples, when the price is averaged the year through, bring less than \$2 a barrel wholesale, and, therefore, the estimated value placed on the total output of 27 years is very low.

Unfavorable weather conditions have reduced the 1916 crop of Missouri's apples to approximately 2,700,000 barrels, but the output of 1915, consisting of 6,287,000 barrels, more than made up for the shortness of the 1916 crop.

The 1910 federal census revealed that there were 14,359,673 apple-bearing trees in the state, scattered plentifully over 102 counties, and with a few found here and there, in the 12 cotton-growing counties of southeast Missouri. The production of apples that year amounted to 9,965,577 barrels. The indications are that at the commencement of 1916 there were nearly 16,000,000 apple trees in the state.

Gen. Clark to Command.

Brigadier-General Harvey C. Clark of Missouri will assume command of all troops, regulars and guardsmen, in the Laredo district when Gen. L. A. Mann leaves Laredo for Washington to take his new position as chief of military affairs. It is not known when the change will take place.

Missouri regiments of the national guard, now on the Mexican border, will be brought to Leavenworth, Kan., for muster, according to information received here. Preparations already have been made for their reception.

Balance in Treasury.

There was a balance in the state treasury of \$3,240,938.44. \$98,993.44 belongs to the revenue fund and about \$75,000 is due for the payment of salaries on the civil list, which means the judiciary of the state, the state officials and the employees of the various state departments. This is the reason when the revenue fund always runs low.

Of the treasury balance, some \$1,050,000 will have to be put aside for the building fund of the new state capitol.

Stormy Debate.

Chief of McIntosh Clan (indignantly to cabby, after a dispute over the fare): How dare you speak to me like that? Do you know I'm the McIntosh?

Cabby: You look to me more like the umbrella.

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HAPPENINGS of the week IN